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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

Our Office Staff

Following the unanimous opinion iced at a recent meeting of 43 of r pastors, that the Superintendent ould spend more time in the field, iiting churches and giving leader-ip in the solution of local problems, e Conference Executive Committee s authorized the reorganization of e office. Mrs. Gillman, who has ren-red such signally effective service, ll become Office Secretary. To her ll be committed all literature and ereopticon slides. She wil care for e busines of The Pacific and act as sociate Editor. She will do the work the Conference Registrar, attend to e correspondence of the Projects ommittee, act as office representa-ve and assistant to the Religious ducation Committee and keep close b on Missionary Education and Pro-otion. Mr. L. E. Best wil continue part-time basis as bookkeeper, but ill have more fully in charge all mat-rs concerning properties owned by e Conference and Bay Association. rs. E. Ericson, the new member of ie staff, will be private secretary to ie Superintendent, have charge of hedule of speakers, attend to files, ceipt for benevolence money, open l mail, and answer the telephone. taff meetings for the purpose of iminating duplication and inefficiency ill be held as occasion requires.

Those Projects

After much discussion, the Projects ommittee has voted not to push the rojectifying of our own Northern alifornia work. Churches that very uch desire such local projects may till have them, but it is felt that hrough The Pacific we may all be amiliar with all of our missionary ork and have the value of education nd increased interest which comes rom such knowledge. Furthermore, he changes that must frequently be ade in the situation of a given field, ven during the year, are a complicat-ng factor. Therefore, the Committee vill be prepared to present National nd Foreign Projects at the spring eetings of the Asociations, but will dvise against the plan for our local ork. All correspondence having to do vith projects should now be addressed o the office. The office secretary will ook to the Projects Committee for ad-ice and guidance. All requests for nissionary literature should likewise ome to the office.

AN APOLOGY

We regret that, because of lack of niscellaneous material from the Southern Conference, we published ome short notes which we had here. Dr. Kenngott says that the article en-itled "Grief of a Superintendent," loes not express his sentiments at all, as he has no grief. We hereby claim all responsibility for such feelings for the Northern Conference!

P.S.—Since writing the above, a caller from Southern California in our office has remarked that the above referred to article is peculiarly Kenn-gottian.

DEDICATIONS

Field's Landing, Humboldt County, dedicated a commodious and attractive chapel on Sunday evening, February 23. The building, which cost about $1,600, is free from debt, and its title is held by the Conference. The superintendent preached the sermon, and Rev. C. H. Hudson of Eureka, who has taken an active interest in the enterprise, led the people in the act of dedication. The Eureka church united in the service. Music was furnished by talent from Eureka and by the Field's Landing Sunday School.

The church at Eureka dedicated a new social hall on the evening of February 24. The members of the church did most of the work of excavating under the building, and also the carpentering and painting necessary to put it in shape. The room will accommodate close to 200 for church dinners. It will also be used for games and parties. The total cost for material and such labor as was necessary to be hired, will be under $500. Practically no effort was made to raise this money. Nearly all of it has been volunteered. Rev. C. H. Hudson and Mrs. Hudson are ministering most acceptably in that city.

Broadmoor plans to dedicate on Sunday, March 30, at 3 p. m. All congregationalists of the bay region should plan to attend. The building is practically complete and is a credit not only to the church and to Rev. E. T. Sherman, its hard-working pastor, but to Congregationalism throughout Northern California. As a special feature in the opening of the new church, the Men's Club is putting on a dinner April 9, at $5 per plate. The members are determined to sell 300 tickets in the hope that in addition to the expenses of the occasion, considerably more than $1,000 can be turned over to the building fund.

INVESTMENTS

If you, as an individual, are investing some money, you do not give it to a bank nor a stockbroker and say: "Here, invest this for me and see that I get good returns for my money." You would be a strange businessman if you did. No, you would study all kinds of stocks, bonds and investments, you would investigate the officers, the Board of Directors and finally decide which would be the safest investment and give the best returns. Nor would you stop then. You would watch the market. Isn't it surprising how many people, both men and women you see reading the Stock Market page in the papers? They do not read it at all, but their eyes are open to the ones they have invested in, or about to invest in. When you hear the name of your stock over the radio, your ear is alert for the news. You are keeping your interest in that stock. Nor do you put all your investments in one place, your eggs in one basket, as the saying goes. Your investments are in different kinds of stock, and therefore you are interested in more than one.

Why, then, should a church raise money, send it into the Conference office, and, shall I say, forget it? These are investments and of far more value than stocks and bonds for they are invested in immortal souls.

This, then, is the reason for projects. You study where the need is, the workers, etc., then make your choice and invest your money, and keep up your interest to see what the returns are. The list of projects has been sent out to each church; and will you as pastor, or chairman of the Missionary Committee of your church, get busy and have each department of your church select projects; the Sunday School, the young people, the women, the Men's Club. The Boards are furnishing literature in regard to these investments, and as soon as you make your choice known to us, we will send the literature to you.

MRS. T. E. BORDEN, Chairman.
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The Year's Record

In the last issue of The Pacific we gave a comprehensive statement of the benevolence monies of which we had had record here. This showed a rather alarming tendency toward a toboggan.

We are now completing our statistics for the national Year Book, and are able to report a few other items of interest which indicate a growth or need for special care.

The year book figures will indicate a net increase in Church membership of 636, or a total membership in this Conference of 19,241. We have passed another milestone this year. We are within striking distance of 20,000. This would mean a net increase of 759 during this year. We can do it.

Our records for Sunday School membership are not so encouraging. They show a loss of 750. This needs careful attention, for it should be the department showing the largest growth. Where does the trouble lie? We at headquarters are wondering if accurate records are being kept of Sunday School enrollment and if these are being reported to us?

The report of young people's work, however, is quite encouraging, with an increase in this line of endeavor of 628. Out of the total number of young people with whom our churches are doing work, to the number of 3,642, it would seem as though we should have a large representation at the young people's Conference at Asilomar. To be sure this includes those under the age requirements for the Conference, but we are hoping that there are at least 150 young people with ability for leadership who will come to Asilomar this summer to study to become leaders for their local societies.

HOME MISSIONS TODAY

A new method of Home Missionary work has been tried at Suisun. Instead of asking for a grant of aid, the church accepted the offer of the Conference in assisting in the raising of the budget on the field. A dinner was arranged for Tuesday evening, February 25th, at which Dr. F. J. VanHorn of Oakland was the speaker. Following this occasion, Rev. J. B. Orr of Fruitvale spent three days in personal canvass. This resulted in raising enough money and pledges so that the Suisun church will not need missionary money during the coming year, and will have a larger budget for its own work.

The Antioch Church reports an awakening of interest, beginning with the receiving into the church of five new members on the first Sunday in March.

Our office has a supply of this year's Fellowship Prayer in stock which it would be glad to dispose of at the usual price of 2c per copy. It is hoped that our churches and ministers will form the habit of ordering supplies and literature through our Conference office. We are also carrying a small supply of the other Lenten literature.

THE RECOVERY OF LENT

The Protestant world is gradually reclaiming the blessings of the old "Church Year." It lost much when the Puritan pendulum of protest swung too far in spurning beautiful Christian customs just because a Pope had made them mandatory.

Christmas, Palm Sunday, Easter—We are not afraid now of becoming papists if we observe them. And the longer Lenten season of forty days is needed in our rushing modern life more perhaps than it was in the medieval world. This is the nineteenth centennial year since Calvary. Six weeks are none too long to prepare our hearts to thrill with the glory of the Centennial Easter.

How shall we do it? Suggestions. Re-read the Gospel of John during Lent. Half a chapter a day will just about do it. Look at Jesus again through the eyes of an inspired Seer.

Then, give up something that is unworthy. For forty days try to abjure, each one of us, our special sin,—self-pity, or criticism, or gossiping, or anxiety, or sloth, or fevered haste. Lent's ancient emphasis on self-denial has value in it.

But further, on the positive side, strive for some new virtue. More courage, deeper faith, richer prayer, a widened generosity of interest and love. Let us be finer men and women when this centennial Easter comes than we ever were before. BURTON M. PALMER.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

Annual Meeting, Congregational Extension Society of Los Angeles

REPORT OF SUPT. GEORGE F. KENNGOTT FOR 1929

On the 21st of March, 1912, several persons met in the First Congregational Church and voted to form a religious corporation under the laws of the State of California:

AND IT DOES HEREBY CERTIFY

—1—

That the name of said corporation is "Congregational Church Extension Society of Los Angeles."

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That the following are the purposes for which it is formed:

(a) For the promotion of Congregational work in Los Angeles and vicinity in accordance with the doctrines and polity of the churches represented in the National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States.

(b) To buy, sell and hold real property for constituent churches, the same being incidental to the purposes of this corporation and not for profit.

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That the Board of Directors who shall have the management of its financial and business affairs shall be twenty-one.

Of the original directors, Messrs. E. P. Clark and Fred M. Wilcox still hold office as directors.

We cannot too often think of those who eighteen years ago had the foresight, courage and spirit fo adventure to organize the Society.

On invitation of Rev. Wm. Horace Day, pastor of the First Congregational Church and president of the Extension Society, I was invited to make a superficial survey of Los Angeles and to meet the directors in the summer of 1912.

While I had seen the Pacific Coast in general and the city of Los Angeles in particular for the first time in the summer of 1910 I was impressed anew with the city and with its prospects of growth and development, and the opportunity and need of religion and the Christian church, especially of our "faith and order" for the city's advancement.

At that time there was one strong and vigorous Congregational Church in the city and several self-supporting churches, but not adequately housed, nor well equipped, and several weak home missionary churches. It seemed to us then that there was a great need of a closer co-operation of churches and ministers and of some one who would represent them in their mutual interests.

I began my service as Superintendent, November 1, 1912. Some gains have been made during these years and a fine fellowship of churches and ministers has been established.

I wish to express my very great appreciation in your behalf as well as my own to the directors who have served so faithfully during the years and, in spite of many difficulties, have gone on with high courage.

We have never had much funds but have done large business on a very small capital. The money which comes through the apportionment is altogether inadequate for the expanding work of the Society, which needs large gifts from generous donors, who are able to give great sums.

Mr. Victor Lawson of Chicago believed so much in the Chicago City Missionary Society that he gave the Society, through his will, something like six million dollars. The danger in the Chicago Society is that it will expand too quickly and will pass out too many church buildings without sufficient sacrifice on the part of the local church. The denomination can have as many churches as it is willing to pay for, but the genius of our denomination is to assist churches to help themselves. It is a wise adage that "only the self-helped stay up."

All along the way we have had pastors and laymen who have given of their time, thought and prayer for the work of the Society. I do not know what we should have done without these gifts which cannot be counted in dollars and for the generous gifts in money of Mr. E. P. Clark, Mr. A. R. Varian, Rev. George A. Rawson and, lately, Mrs. Clara R. Shatto. We cannot estimate the sacrifice and the devotion of such men as Mr. Blake Franklin, who has been the efficient president for several years; and for such men as Mr. Dell A. Schweitzer and Mrs. Charles E. Spaulding; and the great vision and brotherliness in the beginning of the Society of Dr. Wm. Horace Day, and in these later days of Dr. Carl S. Patton. Without the generous aid of the First Congregational Church, we could not have done the work.

The greatest service which the Los Angeles Extension Society has done is not altogether in the money which it has given in the initiation of church enterprises, but in the way in which the officers and superintendent have helped churches in their canvasses for current expenses and in their church building enterprises and more particularly the giving of courage in the face of difficulties.

In 1912, when the Society began, the Extension Society numbered 22 churches with 4,851 members and Sunday school membership of 4,011. At the end of 1928 we numbered 32 churches with 7,986 members and in the Sunday school 6,822. The Home Expenses of these churches have increased from $67,993.00 to $213,658.00; the per capita for Home Expenses from $14.01 to $26.75. Salaries have increased from $24,422.00 to $73.709. The average salary has increased from $1,110.09 ot $2,303.40. Gifts on the apportionment have increased from $9,-268.00 to $32,767.00; per capita gifts from $1.91 to $4.10. Total benevolences from $19,074.00 to $39,322.00. Most significant is the increase in the value of church property from $351,100.00 to $3,041,500.00. Total receipts of current expenses and benevolences have increased from $87,067.00 to $252,980. The total receipts per capita have increased from $17.94 to $31.68.

Even more significant is the growth of the six churches outside of the city of Los Angeles, which, however, are members of the Los Angeles Extension Society. Those six churches had a membership in 1912 of 337 and in 1928, 1,247. Sunday school membership has increased from 626 to 1,895; Home Expenses from $7,152.00 to $28,620.00; gifts on the apportionment from $260.00 to $1,949.00. The value of the church property went from $18,-900.00 to $192,000.00, and the total receipts for current expenses and benevolences have increased from $7,602 to $31,165. The per capita from $22.55 to $24.99. The gain has not been so much in the numbers of churches as in increase of membership and of gifts.

During these eighteen years seventeen churches have been organized and recognized by Council: All Souls; Armenian Gethsemane; Athens; Berean; Carthay Center; Chinese; Finnish; Grace; Hollywood; Japanese Union; Lincoln Memorial; Mesa; Masis (Armenian); Providence; Venice; Westwood Hills; and Wilshire Boulevard.

Eighteen church buildings have been erected: Berean; Bethany; Grace; Hyde Park; Hollywood; Japanese Union; Lincoln Memorial; Mesa; Mount Hollywood; North Wilshire; Olivet; Park; Pico Heights; Pilgrim; Providence; Western Knoll; Westwood Hills; Wilshire Boulevard, costing nearly a million dollars. Several ohter churches have made enlargements and extensive repairs, including Garvanza and Armenian Gethsemane.

The Society has received from all sources $518,715.35. It has given over $100,000.00 in grants to the churches for sites and buildings. It owns property at the corner of Vigness and Ducommon streets on which stood the old Bethlehem church, and property at the corner of Westgate and Gorham streets, having bought it for the church which later moved to Westwood and La Grange, now known as the Westwood Hills Church.

Notable Achievements: 1. The transfer of the Salem Congregational church property at the corner of East Twenty-eighth street and Paloma avenue to the Armenian Gethsemane church. 2. The purchase of the site at the corner of Hollywood boulevard and Sycamore avenue for the Hollywood church, at a cost of $23,000 worth now many times that amount, and the great success of that church with the dedication of its beautiful house of worship October 17, 1920. 3. The purchase of the site for the Bethany Rawson Memorial church and the dedication of its new house of worship April 3, 1921. 4. The purchase of the site, the church building and parsonage for the Lincoln Memorial church. 5. The purchase of two lots at the southwest corner of Wilshire boulevard tnd Plymouth avenue at a cost of $16,000.00 for the Wilshire boulevard church. 6. The Japanese Union Church at 120 N. San Pedro street, costing for the lot, build'ng and furnishings, $105,000.00. The Presbyterian and Congregational denominations co-operated heartily with the Japanese Union Church in the erection of this fine house of worship.

Special reference should be made to two or three of our church projects. After careful thought and planning a site at the corner of Wilshire boulevard and Plymouth avenue was purchased by the Extension Society in behalf of the **Wilshire Boulevard Congregational Church,** which was organized in 1921. The committee appointed by the Conference to select a minister for the initiation of the enterprise invited Rev. Frank Dyer of Tacoma. The Conference paid most, if not all, of the salary of Dr. Dyer for twenty-six months, and the Conference also gave funds for some of the current expenses, amounting in all to $8,303.46.

While it is true that the Conference and not the Extension Society engaged Dr. Frank Dyer to begin the undertaking, the Wilshire Boulevard Congregational Church itself called him to the pastorate, and either directly or through its officers made a contract, so he claimed, for ten years as pastor at a salary of $7,500.00 a year. Neither the Conference nor the Extension Society could do anything about that, though certain persons, members of these organizations, informally and unofficially, deprecated any such action as being contrary to Congregational usa and common sense. Subsequently th Wilshire Boulevard Congregation Church cancelled the contract and litigation began, which still continue

The Wilshire Boulevard Congreg tional Church desired actual posse sion of the property to which it he the title and its officers called Messrs. Schweitzer & Hutton ma times and brought great pressure bear upon them to secure actual po session of the property by oustin Dr. Frank Dyer.

The Extension Society sought have the church function in a stron way. There was no purpose on th part of the Extension Society to tran fer the property, to which the churc held the title, to any other church organization, but to help the Wilshi church function as such.

When the Wilshire church was u able to carry on, after many confe ences, it was agreed by all parti concerned, that the property shou be transferred to the **All Soul Church,** which was to become Congr gational and a member of the L Angeles Association of Congregation Churches and Ministers. That it h done.

It was agreed that transfer shou be made as of July 1st, with the a sumption by the Extension Society the outstanding bills of the Wilshi church, amounting to $13,712.21. The bills, certified to by the trustees, we not to exceed $2100.00. Also, to p for the Dyer trial costs, amounting $3,905.57.

Previously, the Extension Socie had paid to Bitting Company "intere on bonds, $30,845.62", and "To Bitti & Company, amortization of bond $15,000.00."

The Wilshire church transferred the Extension Society its bills, inclu ing a note at the Bank of Italy f $8,500.00, or thereabouts; salary Rev. Thomas H. Harper, for which t Extension Society was in no wise r sponsible, the Wilshire church havi engaged him and having made agreements as to salary and bills f legal expenses up to that date. A bills subsequent to July 1st, were n included and no arrangements h been made by the Extension Socie to assume payment of any such bill Aside from the bank note and salar the church officers certified to bil of $2100.00, as complete, and the bills the society paid.

At present, Dr. Frank Dyer has t following suits against various pe sons and organizations who have bee connected with the Wilshire Boul vard Church: (1) Suit of Dr. Charl F. Aked for libel. I understand th papers have been served and th Judge Benjamin F. Bledsoe has bee engaged to defend the rights of D Aked; (2) The case of Dr. Dy against the Wilshire Boulevard Co gregational Church for annulling i contract with him for salary and f dismissal: (3) Suits for damages connection with the ouster of D Dyer; and lastly and more recentl (4) Suit against the Los Angeles A sociation of Congregational Church and Ministers for damages, amountin to $110,000.00, for dismissing hi from its membership. Messrs. Schwei zer & Hutton have been engaged the Los Angeles association to pr tect the rights of the association. addition to the suit of the associatio Dr. Dyer names specifically about te churches in the association and abou twenty individuals, including mysel and about ten John Does. All of thes

uits, of course, cost us a great of money.

nen it was decided to transfer the to the All Souls' Church Congre- ional, it was on condition that that ch should assume a mortgage btedness of $175,000.00 on the ent indebtedness of $245,000.00. Extension Society agreed to as- e the other $70,000.00.

addition, it should be noted that ady the Extension Society has about $80,000.00 in addition to $8,300.00 paid by the Conference alary. The Extension Society owes Congregational Church Building ety $15,387.50. As result of the ncial campaign in the early sum- of 1929, pledges were received unting to $69,853.00, of which 328.61 has been collected. These ges were made covering a period three years. Of these pledges, 556.00 came from the All Souls' rch in addition to its assumption mortgage indebtedness of $175,- 00. Of these pledges, $11,199.86 been paid as of January 1, 1930. ie pledges came from a few friends he Extension Society, amounting 32,647.00. On these pledges up to uary 1, 1930, $10,399.50 has been l. The Wilshire Boulevard Church lf pledged $3,150.00 and of these ges $891.00 has been paid.

he Extension Society had to sign ledge for $80,000.00 in order to y through the agreement and that ey will have to be raised some- in the near future in order to $35,000.00 which has been bor- ed, and to be prepared for the rest and amortization of the ded indebtedness on Wilshire levard Congregational Church, unting in all to $245,000.00, of ch $70,000.00 is assumed by the ension Society.

ome complaints have been made ause of the large financial respon- lity assumed by the directors of Extension Society in behalf of the lshire church property. We justify selves on the ground that we had do it and also with the fact that contributions have come largely m individuals and not from the urches directly.

We are all hoping for the best ough the present arrangement of ring the All Souls' Church Congre- ional in possession of the property, l we hope that under the efficient storal leadership of Dr. Charles F. ed, the church will be able to take e of its current expenses, including interest and amortization.

Since the All Souls' Church took session, July 1st, it has spent on erations, improvements, new carpet, ., $8,299.86. There have been added the church during the last six nths 136 persons. The annual meet- of the church was very encourag- and there seems to be no reason y it should not be prosperous and ve the great community in which is located with increasing profit to elf and the community.

While a large amount of money d certainly much time and thought ve been given by the Extension So- ty to the Wilshire Boulevard Con- gational Church, these funds have en received almost entirely from a v large givers. Receipts upon the portionment from the churches in e society have been as follows dur- g the last four years:

1926	$6,430.31
1927	6,307.33
1928	6,659.78
1929	5,219.96

These receipts are required for op- ating expenses, including salary of perintendent, rent, taxes and assess- nts. The receipts on the apportion- nt for 1929 seem to have been aller than for previous years. The al receipts, however, are $65,531.

The directors have lived up to the best light God has given them in reference to the Wilshire church and all other matters and have acted also by direction of the Extension Society. Herewith follows an excerpt from the minutes of the annual meeting of the Congregational Church Extension Society of Los Angeles, February 10, 1929:

"It was moved, seconded and carried that the society approve and ratify all actions of the directors and officers of the society relative to the Wilshire Boulevard Congregational Church, and that the directors be authorized to take such action from time to time as they may deem advisable, in order to protect the interests of the society in the Wilshire Boulevard Congregational Church property."

It seemed clear to all of us that there was only one thing to do, namely, to go on and to go forward. We could have sold out to the Methodists, who have not much more money than we have, or, perhaps, to the Presbytreians or the Catholics. In good faith and after careful consideration, we undertook nine years ago the establishment of this church, the first one west of Western avenue and between Pico street and Beverly boulevard, in this great and growing residential area, which especially needs this church. With great sacrifice of time, money and thought, the site was secured, the church organized, and the building erected to serve the community, with no pride of denominationalism and no thought of profit. If we had no church in this community, we should certainly see the pressing need of one and proceed accordingly. We look forward with high hopes and great courage for the future.

North Wilshire Congregational Church voted to disband and its action was approved by an ecclesiastical council composed of churches in Los Angeles. Previous to the disbanding of the church, the property at the corner of North Rossmore avenue and Clinton street was transferred to the Extension Society on payment of a large number of bills, including $1,500 on mortgage note, the payment to the Congregational Church Building Society of $1,158.07, assumption of mortgage to the Congregational Building Society of $5,000, $637.50 to Rev. M. A. Southby and $350 for salary in arrears for pastor and other charges.

Since the church organization was given up the Sunday school was continued under the direction of Rev. Ray Eckerson, the superintendent, and Miss Mabel H. Janes as superintendent of the primary department.

The directors of the Extension Society recommended the revival of this work and Rev. Ray W. Barber was engaged by the Conference, beginning April 1, 1929, as resident pastor. The Sunday school has an attendance of 200, the services are well attended under Mr. Barber's leadership, and it is expected in the near future that the new church will be organized with a membership of 75 to 100 persons. Many individuals and authorized committees have studied the field carefully and all agree on the program.

Lincoln Memorial Congregational Church voted to give up the place where it has worshipped since 1914, on East 34th street, near Central avenue, in orded to locate in the property formerly owned and occupied by the Vernon Avenue Congregational Church, at the corner of Vernon avenue and Hooper street. The Vernon Avenue Church voted to move to its new location on South Gramercy place, between West 70th and West 71st streets. These changes came after many years of careful consideration and survey by committees of both churches and committees from the Extension Society.

The Extension Society held title to the property used by the Lincoln Memorial church at East 34th street, but the Lincoln Memorial church itself had bought several years ago the property adjoining the church for a parsonage for $5,000, on which there was an indebtedness remaining of $2,800. The whole property was sold to the Calvary Baptist church (colored) for $16,000, including the mortgage on the property. That left available for the purchase of the Vernon avenue site $13,200. The property was sold on a contract, on which there has been paid by the Calvary Baptist church $2,841.77. The rest of the payment was to be made on the installment plan.

The Extension Society bought the property from the Vernon Avenue church in behalf of the Lincoln Memorial church for $32,000. Toward this, the Lincoln Memorial church has paid $1,920. The Extension Society borrowed $17,000 at 6 per cent in order to pay the Vernon Avenue church, which loan must be amortized at the rate of $1,000 a year. The mortgage indebtedness is now $10,500, plus the loan mortgage to the Building Society. The Extension Society received from the Congregational Church Building Society in behalf of the Lincoln Memorial church a grant of $2,500 and a loan of $5,000. The rest of the purchase price was paid by the Extension Society in cash, except a note from the Lincoln Memorial church to the Vernon Avenue church (now known as Western Knoll) for $2,800, which has been paid. The Western Knoll church made a donation to the Lincoln Memorial church of $500 on the purchase price, as a token of good-will. The price of the Vernon avenue property was arrived at by a commission representing the Extension Society and the Vernon Avenue church and the Lincoln Memorial church. The old Vernon avenue property is much in need of repairs and I bespeak in behalf of the Lincoln Memorial church your interest, sympathy and financial cooperation. A visit recently to the Lincoln Memorial church greatly heartened the superintendent on account of the attendance in Sunday school and church, the fine congregation, and also because of the fact that a new roof has been put on the building and the interior of the auditorium greatly improved. A thousand dollars is needed to paint the church and make other necessary repairs. Who will help?

Westwood Hills Congregational Church dedicated its new building on its fine site at the corner of Westwood avenue and La Grange on March 11, 1928. The building cost, exclusive of furnishings, $29,262.30. The total cost of the site, building, furnishings and all was $48,500. It is about a mile distant from the new university and ministers to a large field in the new residential area, free at present from ecclesiastical competition. Extension Society borrowed in behalf of this church $20,000 at 7 per cent and agreed to pay the interest for the first year. Other indebtedness to the Congregational Church Building Society is $4,000 for loan. This church, which has been sponsored from the beginning by the Extension Society and the Conference, will doubtless save our denomination for some time at least from the responsibility of establishing a church near the university.

As soon as it was determined to establish the university in this area, the superintendent with others had a vision of one united church serving the whole university community and a Hall of Religion, with all shades of Protestantism, together with the Roman Catholic church and the Hebrew people cooperating. It is probable that the second part of the vision may be realized, but there seems to be no hope for the first. If we cannot have the ideal arrangement of one church representing all our united yet varied Protestantism, then the next best thing would be, I suppose, for us all to join with the Methodist-Episcopal denomination (the largest and strongest in Southern California) to represent us in our cooperative undertakings in the university area.

Plymouth-Mesa Congregational Church. The Extension Society transferred title several years ago to the Mesa Congregational church of its property at the corner of 54th street and Sixth avenue for $5,000, though the property was easily worth $35,000. This $5,000 has been paid by the Plymouth church to the Extension Society. Subsequently the Mesa and Plymouth churches united under the name of Plymouth and made great progress under the efficient pastoral leadership of Rev. H. C. Culbertson. On the resignation of Rev. H. C. Culbertson, Rev. James H. More became pastor of the church, to whom we extend our goodwill and wishes.

The building cost $25,000, the furnishings $10,000, making a total of $35,000. The amount of mortgage is $16,000, the amount of pledges and other assets $16,000. The church acquired the adjoining lot for $12,000, on which it erected an additional building and has recently added a beautiful ladies' parlor on the second floor. The church has one of the largest Sunday schools in the city of our denomination and serves a great field.

Olivet Congregational Church. The title to this property at the corner of Washington and Magnolia was transferred from the Extension Society to the church. The new church building was dedicated March 25, 1928. It cost $35,000, exclusive of furnishings and $2,000 extra for the furnishings. The total investment, exclusive of the valuable site, is probably about $40,000. The amount of mortgage is $15,000, of other indebtedness $3,500, which is to the Building Society, and over against this there are $6,000 of unpaid pledges and other assets.

This church, under the devoted and experienced leadership of Rev. W. H. Hopkins, has become a downtown church, ministering to a great and needy field, and should fill a very large place in the religious activities of our denomination.

Western Knoll Congregational Church, formerly the Vernon Avenue church, purchased the new site on South Gramercy Place from West 70th to West 71st streets, for $12,600, and erected thereon a church building (dedicated December 25, 1927) attractive, commodious and useful, near the Horace Mann school, in a fine field free at present from ecclesiastical competition. This building cost, without the furnishings, $20,000; the furnishings cost $6,000, and subsequently a parsonage was erected which cost $4,700. The amount of mortgage is $13,000 and over against this are $5,800 in assets.

It is a difficult matter to move a church five miles, as this church was moved, without any serious break. Rev. Frank C. Reid, pastor since 1923, succeeded in this difficult undertaking.

Since the resignation of Rev. Frank C. Reid, who is now pastor at Barstow, Rev. Paul A. Davies, who served the Santa Barbara church for seven years, has been called to the pastorate of the Western Knoll church. His father, Rev. William A. Davies, served as pastor of the Vernon Avenue church for twenty years, and it seems very beautiful indeed that his son should now carry on his work in this large new field.

The Extension Society may rejoice in these two great movements, which give the Lincoln Memorial church a much better location and building, and

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Rev. J. Jasper Jones, of Pasadena, has accepted the call to Santa Rosa, and will open his ministry on March 16. Prior to his last pastorate he was engaged in war work, which he entered after successful service in the churches of Iowa.

Auburn has "unanimously and enthusiastically" called Rev. W. E. Eckles as pastor. Mr. Eckles served the church as stated supply for 13 months. During that time Mrs. Eckles and he so endeared themselves to the people that they have been asked to undertake the work on a more permanent basis. The church site has been sold and a new location has been purchased. With the difference, the building will be moved and remodeled into an attractive, modern plant.

The Bay Point Church has completed repairs and decoration of the church property at a total cost of about $300. Mr. Donald Gaylord, student at the Pacific School of Religion, is acting pastor and spends two days a week on the field besides preaching and assisting in the Sunday School. Mr. Gaylord is a son of Rev. E. D. Gaylord of the Church of the Messiah in Los Angeles.

Dr. W. J. Minchin has supplied the Santa Rosa church during the interim between pastorates. His friends will rejoice to learn that he has steadily improved in health.

Rev. O. J. Torvik recently presented his resignation to the Tulare church to take effect in May. It has been reported that this action was so deeply regretted by the members that he has reconsidered, and will remain.

Rev. J. J. Kelly of Soquel has been ill for a number of weeks.

Rev. Hartwell L. Preston passed away during February at his home at Hughson. He had ben pastor at Ceres and Campbell in this Conference, besides other work outside the bounds of our Conference. He had lived for a number of years at Los Gatos.

The San Jose Church met for dinner and program on Wednesday evening, February 26th. The occasion was the anniversary of the going to China of Drs. and Mrs. Vincent Wagner, the missionaries of the church. In addition to the San Jose people, Rev. B. M. Palmer, Rev. J. H. Bennett and lay representatives from Saratoga and Campbell were present. The dinner was Chinese in make-up and method. Superintendent Harley H. Gill gave the address. Rev. Benjamin Gould, the pastor, knows how to arrange a program but he does not know how to eat with chop-sticks!

WORKERS' LIBRARIES

The Chicago Educational Office and The Pilgrim Press have made up the following lists of books for Workers' Libraries:

FIVE DOLLAR LIBRARY

Administration—"How to Improve Your Sunday School"—Smith	$ .50
Curriculum—"The New Program of Religions Education"—Betts	.75
Worship—"Training Young People in Worship"—Stock and Shaver	1.25
Young People—"A Year's Program for Young People"—Stock	.25
Bible Study—"The Worker and His Bible"—Eiselen and Barclay	.75
Teacher Training—"You Can Learn to Teach"—Slattery	1.35
Fine Arts in Religion—"Worship in the Church School Through Music, Pageantry and Pictures"—Smith	.50

TEN DOLLAR LIBRARY

Administration—"The Modern Sunday School"—Archibald	$2.00
Young People—"Church Work with Young People"—Stock	2.00
Teacher Training—"Teaching Religion"—Myers	1.00
Bible Study—"Youth and the Bible"—Streibert	1.75
World Friendship—"Missionary Education in the Church"—Gates	1.00
Story Telling—"The Use of the Story in Religious Education—Eggleston	1.50
Recreation—"A Handbook of Games and Programs"—LaPorte	.80

TWENTY-FIVE DOLLAR LIBRARY

Teacher Training—"Growth in Religion"—Sheridan	$1.00
Curriculum—"The Curriculum of Religious Education"—Betts	3.00
Teacher Training—"Case Studies in Religion"—Watson	3.00
Dramatics—"Drama in Education"—Overton	2.50
Bible Study—"The Bible Through the Centuries"—Willett	3.00
Teacher Training—"The Psychology of Adolescence"—Brooks	3.00
General—"Bible Atlas"	3.50
General—"Hastings Bible Dictionary"	7.00

Note: The above books have been selected carefully and church schools would do well to begin their libraries with the books in the order selected, but, if certain books are already owned by the school, substitutions may, of course, be made.

The following departmental books might be preferred to some of the general teacher training books:—

"Methods with Beginners"—Danielson	$ .60
"Kindergarten Methods in the Church School"—Baker	1.50
"Methods for Primary Teachers"—Lewis	.60
"Primary Method in the Church School"—Munkres	1.25
"Junior Method in the Church School"—Powell	1.25
"Teaching Intermediates in the Church School"—Sheridan	1.00
"How to Teach Seniors"—Shaver	1.00
"Adult Education"—Hart	2.50
"The Mother Teacher of Religion"—Betts	1.50

All of the books may be obtained from The Pilgrim Press, 418 S. Market Street, Chicago.

INSTITUTE AT MARTINEZ

The Religious Education Committee of the Northern California Congregational Conference had a most successful institute at the Martinez Congregational Church in February. Over a hundred people assembled at a dinner and heard a stirring address on "The Job of Being a Church Member" by Dr. Harley Gill.

After the dinner the people divided in the following groups for discussion of their problems. The Adults asked Dr. Gill many questions concerning conference matters. The Beginners were led in a discussion by Mrs. Ralph Waddell of Oakland.

The Primary officers and teachers were instructed by Mrs. H. L. Holcomb of First Church, Oakland. Miss Mary Frances Thelan of Berkeley met with the Junior department, while the Intermediate was under the leadership of Rev. W. B. Williams of Berkeley. Dr. Miles B. Fisher and Dr. Ralph C. Waddell had the largest group, the Young People, for a most helpful conference.

The conferences were followed with great interest and were most practical in their helpfulness. The fellowship was perhaps just as valuable. Other churches will be glad to arrange for similar institutes. —H.V.M.

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give the Extension Society practically a new church in a great field in the southwestern section of the city.

Carthay Center. The Community church at Carthay Center, which for about five years has been an independent church without denominational affiliation, organized and established by Rev. Wm. C. Isett as pastor, voted on its own initiative to request membership in the Los Angeles Association and the Association approved. This church therefore became a Congregational church. Meanwhile, without any reference to comity arrangements and the allocation of this particular field to our denomination, the Episcopal church bought the property which originally was given as a memorial by Mr. J. Harvey McCarthy to his mother for community use, and our church was forced out.

Bethany Rawson Memorial Congregational church, corner of Percy and Ditman streets. This church, which ministers to a great community, has had many serious financial difficulties, but is going well under the leadership of Rev. Thomas L. Dyer. The property has been put in good shape and two years ago was erected and dedicated the fine parsonage, which cost $4,800. For this enterprise the Extension Society made to the church a loan of $750, without interest, and the Conference $500. The Building Society made a large parsonage loan. There is still due $3,500 on the whole enterprise. Robert A. Woods, the head for many years of the South End House, Boston, was wont to say that "The trouble with us is the intermittent nature of our moral undertakings." If Rev. T. L. Dyer will stay by this enterprise long enough, the church should come to self-support on some adequate financial basis.

At present the following churches, within the city limits, receive missionary aid: Bethany, Chinese, Finnish, Grace, Japanese Union, North Wilshire, Palms, Venice Union and Westwood Hills.

Regarding Mayflower, this church, after many years of difficulties because of the changing population in the community, voted to disband, its action being approved by an ecclesiastical council. The property was sold to the Salvation Army. There might have been some hope for the church if it could have been relocated in Glassell Park, but the Baptists objected and now an Episcopal church has gone into the same neighborh The whole society should recogn as many of us do who know the tory of the church, that Rev. Da Lloyd Jenkins and the little group loyal men and women with him, h done their utmost in behalf of community through this church. So times a church, like an individ which has served its day and gen tion faithfully, may pass out with consciousness of a work well don

And of the churches outside city limits in the Extension Soci the Conference gives missionary ai the pastor's salary of the following recommendation of the Extension ciety: Graham, Lawndale and Wil brook. For various reasons these th churches which have long been on missionary list have not made progress in numbers and in finan resources which the Conference Extension Society have long ho Light now seems to appear for Willowbrook church which is do well under the pastoral leadership Rev. J. K. Higginbotham, grant l ing been reduced from $25.00 to $2 a month. Graham, under the self- rificing leadership of Rev. H. E. derson, has plans for a new build very much needed. The Extension ciety bought a lot for the church $2,000.00 and contributed $1,000.00 this. And as for Lawndale, it now Rev. John Hester and his wife resid in the community giving much of th time to this church. Under their pert leadership the church certai ought to grow.

I am impressed anew with the idealistic features in our Ameri life: (1) The way in which we ourselves inordinately for the supp of the free school and the other in which we give our time, mon thought and effort to the support the free church. I do not know of a thing quite like the devotion in Southern California Congregatio Conference and the Los Angeles tension Society not only to the lo church but to our cooperative deno national undertakings. The direct of the Extension Society number twenty-one, meet regularly once month at the noon hour. Many of men forego their luncheon for purpose of attending this meeting spend a great deal of time in comm tee conferences and in special m ings. I know of no body of men t have through the years given so m time, thought and money to church as they have given to the W shire Boulevard church.

Our Extension Society was org ized to help in the initiation of chu enterprises and in the purchase lots,— to do in the beginning for churches what the Building Soci has done so faithfully through the ye for the end of church enterprises.

"Perhaps the highest duty of m is to undertake adventures. When has mastered his immediate envir ment and has insured reasona comfort and safety—when he wo like to settle quietly by his own fi side and cultivate his own garde the call comes to leave his secur and venture out beyond the fronti With most men today the comma to adventure calls for pioneering the social or personal, rather than the geographical, world."

With all the problems and diffic ties, we may well sing the Doxol and pronounce the Benediction in t major strain.

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